

# Getting Around Grand Canyon

## Ride the Free Shuttle Buses

Reducing air pollution and taking nearly a half-million vehicles off park roads each year, shuttle buses offer a hassle-free transportation option.

### HERMITS REST ROUTE— RED ON MAP BELOW

- 80 minutes round-trip
- Nine overlooks
- Toilets at Hopi Point
- Water, snack bar, toilets, and gift shop at Hermits Rest
- Buses run every:
  - 30 minutes 4–6:45 am
  - 15 minutes 6:45 am to sunset
  - 30 minutes from sunset to an hour after sunset

### VILLAGE ROUTE— BLUE ON MAP BELOW

- 50 minutes round-trip
- Grand Canyon Visitor Center, hotels, restaurants, campgrounds
- Scenic canyon views are a short walk from some stops
- Buses run every:
  - 30 minutes 4–6:15 am
  - 15 minutes 6:15 am–7 pm
  - 30 minutes 7–11 pm; visitors should be at a bus stop by 10:30 pm

### KAIBAB/RIM ROUTE— ORANGE ON MAP BELOW

- 50 minutes round-trip
- Five viewpoints
- Grand Canyon Visitor Center and Yavapai Geology Museum
- Access to South Kaibab Trailhead
- Buses run every:
  - 30 minutes 4–6:30 am
  - 17 minutes 6:30 am to sunset
  - 30 minutes from sunset to an hour after sunset

### TUSAYAN ROUTE— PURPLE ON MAP BELOW

- 40 minutes round-trip
- IMAX, Best Western Grand Canyon Squire Inn, Grand Hotel, Big E. Grand Canyon Steakhouse and Saloon, Grand Canyon Visitor Center
- Buses run every 20 minutes:
  - First bus leaves IMAX at 8 am; last bus leaves at 9:45 pm
  - First bus leaves Grand Canyon Visitor Center at 8:25 am; last bus leaves at 9:30 pm.

### HIKERS' EXPRESS NOT SHOWN ON MAP BELOW

Service to South Kaibab Trailhead. Bus begins at Bright Angel Lodge, then stops at Backcountry Information Center, Grand Canyon Visitor Center, and South Kaibab Trailhead.

Bus leaves Bright Angel Lodge:  
May and September: 5, 6, and 7 am  
June, July, and August: 4, 5, and 6 am

## Shuttle Bus FAQ

*Are the shuttle buses free?*

Yes, park entrance fees include shuttle bus transportation.

*How do the shuttle buses work?*

Running like a city bus system, three shuttle bus routes stop at shops, visitor centers, and popular viewpoints around the South Rim. Just wait at any bus stop and enjoy the ride. *Note: During the busy part of the day, buses fill quickly, and you may have to wait for two or three shuttle buses to board.*

*What are the shuttle bus rules?*

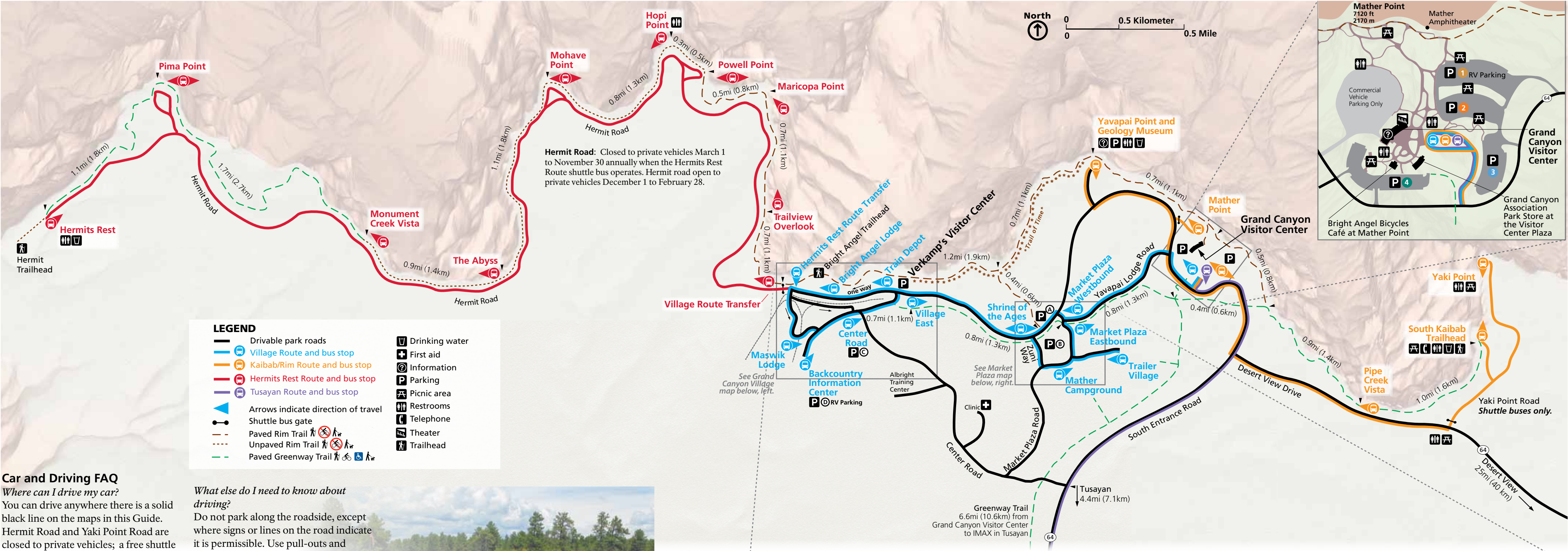
1. No eating or open drink containers.
2. No pets. Service animals permitted.
3. Collapse strollers before entering the bus. No oversized or jogging strollers. Remove baby-back carriers when seated.
4. Shuttle buses can accommodate two or three bicycles, but not tag alongs, baby trailers, or children's bicycles with wheels less than 16 inches (41 cm). Riders must load and unload their bicycles.
5. Shuttle buses only stop at designated bus stops.

*How can I tell the difference between shuttle bus routes?*

All National Park Service shuttle buses are white and green, but the front of the bus will say the route color and name.

*Will my wheelchair fit on the bus?*

Buses are equipped with ramps to accommodate passengers in wheelchairs smaller than 30 inches wide by 48 inches long (76 by 122 cm). Most motorized scooters will not fit on buses.



## Car and Driving FAQ

*Where can I drive my car?*

You can drive anywhere there is a solid black line on the maps in this Guide. Hermit Road and Yaki Point Road are closed to private vehicles; a free shuttle bus provides access.

*Where is the best place to see views of the canyon using my car?*

Consider driving Desert View Drive, a 25-mile (40 km) road with many viewpoints. Don't forget to stop at Desert View Watchtower; see page 8 for information.

*Where can I park?*

All parking lots in Grand Canyon Village are located near free shuttle bus stops.

- **Parking lots 1–4;** Grand Canyon Visitor Center. Lot 1 includes auto, RV, and trailer parking.
- **Parking Lot A,** Park Headquarters
- **Parking Lot B,** Market Plaza
- **Parking Lot C,** near Center Road in Grand Canyon Village
- **Parking Lot D,** Backcountry Information Center. Lot D includes auto parking in the north end and RV and trailer parking in the south end.

*What else do I need to know about driving?*

Do not park along the roadside, except where signs or lines on the road indicate it is permissible. Use pull-outs and overlooks to take pictures and view wildlife. Do not stop in the road.

The Scenic Drive Accessibility Permit allows visitors with mobility issues entry to some areas closed to public traffic. The permit is available at entrance gates, visitor centers, and hotel lobbies.

